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A Monthly Educational Update About Your:
Water • Wastewater • Storm Water Systems



Many changes and improvements are occurring within the City's water, wastewater, and storm water systems. The City of Evans believes that transparency is the best way to encourage an educated, involved, and supportive community. This is a series of mini-newsletters that will be included with your utility bill each month providing you information about the changes to rates, progress of the Wastewater Plant Improvement Project, tips on conservation, and additional educational information. Our goal is to share how the City uses money received by our utility customers to maintain and improve utility services.

We support strong and reliable water, wastewater and storm water systems because they are an important part of a healthy community. For more information and detail on these utility systems go to www.evanscolorado.gov. For questions, please call (970) 475-1170 or email us at water@evanscolorado.gov.

Progress:

The New Wastewater Treatment Plant

The City of Evans is ready to undergo the largest infrastructure project it has ever taken on – building a new wastewater treatment facility that meets our capacity and regulatory requirements. Our current infrastructure requires it. Our residents need it. Because the ability to serve our residents with a strong and fully functioning water, wastewater and storm water system is serious business. We realize the importance of being able to flush your toilet, take a shower, run your dishwasher, and wash your clothes. It's important to daily life. And it doesn't happen by magic, but with a highly functioning system that costs money to build and to maintain for the health of the community.

The City is in the process of identifying funding to help us achieve our goal of meeting wastewater treatment capacity and regulatory requirements. The analysis is complete and the final decision has been made that the best option for our residents is to build a new, combined treatment facility at the existing Hill-N-Park site and to close down the Evans Wastewater Treatment Facility. In order to control rate increases, we are looking for funding sources beyond user fees.

The City was awarded a Natural Disaster Grant from the Colorado Department of Health and Environment to make permanent repairs to the existing Evans Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) to ensure that we protect the public health and safety while the new treatment facility is designed and constructed. The Natural Disaster Grant also provides match monies to FEMA funding for flood mitigation of the Evans WWTF. Repairs and construction at this facility will begin in the near future.

Along with funding the permanent flood repairs and flood mitigation, the Natural Disaster Grant will partially fund the design of the new wastewater treatment facility at the Hill-N-Park site. These funds will cover approximately 40% of what is required to move toward beginning construction. Additional grant monies have been applied for through a Department of Local Affairs grant to provide the remaining funds needed to complete the design of the combined treatment facility.

As a next step, the City is currently looking at different processes for the design and construction of the new treatment facility with the goals of reducing the overall costs for the project and bringing the new plant online as soon as possible.

Each month we will provide an update on where the City stands with this process. Look for H₂O^h! In your utility newsletter each month.